

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 9th January 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mr M Cooper
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Mr George Collins, Mr Alan Bishop

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs N Aldhouse, Mrs Janet Croucher, Cllr Roger Manning and Cllr John Smith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs H Cullingworth and Mr L Gosbee declared an interest regarding a planning application at The Old Junk Yard.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A number of amendments were made as follows: Page 1341 item 10 Next Years Meeting Dates, the addition of the APA on 7th May 2008 was made; Page 1342 item 13 Correspondence, Kent Police should include Policing Plan & Budget questionnaire – distributed to all; Page 1343 item 15 Any Other Business first paragraph, Mrs A Holroyd was amended to Mrs N Aldhouse and the date of the meeting changed from 17th January to 7th January. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Parish Website:

Mr Howard Lilley has passed an original copy of the village sign to James Tuke.

Breathing Spaces:

Mr J Beech has raised the issue of an area of land at the cemetery being improved using a grant applied for by the Parish Council, at a parochial Church Council. This was supported by the Church. No further sites have been suggested by members. As the deadline for applications is imminent the Chairman and Vice Chairman are to complete and return the form.

Road Report:

Mr J Beech offered his thanks to Mr L Gosbee for single handedly distributing the loose chippings at the entrance to the field over the Christmas period. A roller needs to be hired to compress this area.

Planning Correspondence:

The Chairman reported that Perfect's Place falls under the jurisdiction of Maidstone Borough Council whom he has been in contact with. The Enforcement Officer is to update Mr J Beech on the action being taken at this site. Mr M Cooper is to chase.

Any Other Business:

Mr J Beech gave thanks, on behalf of the Parish Council, to Mr H Lilley for hanging the lights on the Christmas tree; to Mr L Gosbee for taking the tree down and to Mr and Mrs Casswell for providing the electricity supply for the lights.

5. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Clerk is to issue letters inviting at least three companies to tender for each of the four maintenance contracts, to be returned before the next meeting on 13th February 2008. Two new companies have contacted the Clerk requesting to tender. It was agreed to include these in the tendering process.

6. ROAD REPORT

The resurfacing of Biddenden Road has been completed with the manhole covers now the same level as the road. During the recent cold spell Highways were contacted regarding salting the roads. Mr L Gosbee was informed Frittenden is not a salted area. Following his persistence the Headcorn Road was finally salted. The broken road edges at Waller Hill are not to be repaired as Highways do not wish to widen the road. However, the pot holes will hopefully be filled.

Mr M Cooper commented on the leaning hedge on Park Lane which he will deal with personally. Mr J Beech stated a hedge belonging to Mr Paul Hope on Headcorn Road is also leaning into the road. Mr L Gosbee is to speak to Mr Hope. The hedge outside Sunnyside is encroaching on the pavement. Mr L Gosbee is to deal with this.

The Chairman has been in contact with TWBC regarding incorrect signage at the Headcorn Road junction with the Staplehurst Road. This is being investigated.

Mr L Gosbee is to contact Highways regarding surface water on Biddenden Road at the junction with The Street, and in Mill Lane.

Mr J Beech reported that eight posts are in the course of being erected on the bend opposite Sunnyside, which should discourage local residents parking along the road. The Chairman has requested these be extended along the other side of the field gate. The ditch is also to be dug out. If parking in this area persists then the Police will have to be contacted.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/07/04292: Conversion of Atcost barn to holiday let accommodation, removal of other existing barns and erection of amenity building at The Old Junk Yard, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

Mr Alan Bishop spoke on behalf of his client, Mr George Collins, regarding the changes to the previously refused application by TWBC, which includes the amenity building being reduced to one storey and a flood risk assessment. Mr Bishop stated that the Government in its Good Practice Guide is actively encouraging development for tourism in rural areas.

The Parish Council had approved the previous application and it was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval on the current application. The planning reasons are well summarised in the Bishop Consultancy report. A currently derelict and untidy site would be vastly improved. It is requested the application be considered by the Planning Committee. The Clerk is to contact Cllr John Smith regarding this.

TW/07/04314: Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation at Castle Cottage, Headcorn Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal as this is not a modest proposal.

TW/07/04501: Erection of detached garage/store at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mrs A H Holroyd and agreed unanimously Recommend Approval.

TW/07/04384: Regeneration and extension of existing fishing lake, creation of new off-road car park, new perimeter fence at Burntwood Lake, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval as this would enhance the environment and wildlife and improve parking.

Decisions:

TW/07/03452: Extension (part 2-storey and part single-storey) to provide additional residential accommodation and enlarging existing spaces at Street Farm Oast, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden

Withdrawn.

TW/07/03877: LBC: Conversion of barn and stables to two dwellings (TW/02/01618/LBC (lapsed) refers) at Broadlake, Mill Lane, Frittenden

Consent Granted.

TW/07/03615: Certificate of Lawful Development – Conversion of garage to living area at Bramble Cottage, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden

Granted.

Correspondence:

Notification of Appeal lodged re demolition of existing detached garage and erection of two-storey extension with glazes link at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden. No comment made.

The Chairman has been notified of a tree preservation order placed on a yew tree outside Street Farm. This occurred following an application to reduce the canopy on the tree which has been cut previously and needs to be surveyed before reducing again.

Mr L Gosbee reported that new occupants at Pork Pie Farm have unlawfully replaced a roof on the pig sty on site, and subsequently advertised them for rent. TWBC have been notified and are to investigate.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

KAPC:
Parish News – distributed
Updated Constitution – Clerk to file

Groundwork:
Brochure - HC

NALC:
LCR - JB

CILK:
Invitation to attend event in village – Clerk to respond village too small to warrant a visit

The Chairman had received a number of invitations to events. An invitation to a Community Police event in March would be accepted.

9. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Veolia.....	£9.40
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£120.37

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs H Cullingworth asked if there was any progress with a new sign at the Dig Dog Lane junction with Cranbrook Road and investigation of ownership of the hedge. Mr L Gosbee is to pursue.

Mrs N Aldhouse, via a written note, asked if it is possible to erect signs to prevent fly tipping in Grandshore Lane. It was not felt this would be a deterrent.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 13th February 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Janet Greenroyd and two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Breathing Spaces:

The Chairman has completed and returned the application, which was signed by the Clerk. An acknowledgement of receipt has been received. The Parish Council will learn whether they have been successful in May. If a grant is received for improvements to the unused land at the cemetery then part of the money will be used for installing a water supply at the site.

Planning Correspondence:

Mr M Cooper updated the members on the situation at Park Wood Lane. The new owner is to submit a planning application to keep horses on the land in question. Maidstone Borough Council will inform the Parish Council when this has been received. Mr M Cooper has been advised that Highways have no issue with the entrance that has been formed onto the Lane.

Road Report:

The leaning hedge at Park Wood Lane has now been dealt with, as has Mr Hope's hedge. Mr J Beech has spoken to TWBC regarding the incorrect signage at Headcorn Road, who has requested a local resident opinion survey before resolving the issue. The Chairman has initiated this. The residents at Hungerden Lane have already been consulted and wish the road to be called Hungerden Lane, Headcorn Road. Mr J Beech is to speak to the residents at Green Lane. Providing all the residents in the locality are in unanimous agreement it is hoped TWBC will respond positively.

5. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest and took no further part in the proceedings.

The Clerk had received five replies to tender for the various grounds maintenance contracts. These were opened at the meeting and the contracts were awarded as follows:

Contract 1: to mow the Parish Field and the mound awarded to KCC Landscape Services. This was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously.

Contract 2: to mow the grass and cut the hedge at the war memorial awarded to Mr L Gosbee. This was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously.

Contract 3: to cut the paddock hedges awarded to KCC Landscape Services. This was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously.

Contract 4: to cut the hedge at Laundry Lane awarded to Mr S Holloway. This was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk is to respond to the tendering companies accordingly.

6. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that a minor accident had occurred at Buckhurst Bridge recently where the road surface was raised dangerously above the verge. Following a call to Highways this has now been corrected. The Chairman had received a copy of the letter sent to Highways from the person involved in the accident. Water seepage at the crossroads in the village has also been inspected by Highways. Mr J Beech has e-mailed Highways regarding this issue as there is concern that although the spring outside The Stables has been capped, water is still escaping and possibly eroding the underside of the road.

Mr L Gosbee has requested a Give Way sign at the junction of Dig Dog Lane and Cranbrook Road. The Clerk has confirmed this to Highways.

Following a call from Mr Roger Manning, Mr L Gosbee is to request Highways repair the potholes on Grandshore Lane.

It was reported that the fly tipping in Mill Lane has now been removed.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

Mr M Cooper stated that two planning applications had recently been received regarding the cutting of trees at Street Farm and Broad Oak. As there was doubt as to the Parish Council's role, it was agreed that TWBC should be contacted concerning how these applications should be dealt with. These two applications are, therefore, to be dealt with outside the meeting.

TW/08/00133: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of six bedroom detached dwelling with new double and triple garage at Rockdene, Rocks Hill, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral. This was agreed by 6 votes with one abstention.

TW/08/00223: Demolition of garage and erection of garden room at Street Farm, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/08/00244: Construction of oil and gas tank bunds at Larchmere House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

TW/08/00352: LBC – Replacing part of the existing rotted sole plate with a new green oak sole plate; Locally replacing the existing cement rendered place with traditional lime rendered panels on the front (north) elevation at Weaversden, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

Decisions:

TW/07/03896: Renewal of planning permission TW/02/02886 for conversion of barn to dwelling at Buckhurst Farm Buildings, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/07/04163: New garage, workshop/office. Demolition of existing nissen hut at Leggs Wood House, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/07/04314: Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation at Castle Cottage, Headcorn Road, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

Correspondence:

HMCS: Notice that leave to apply for judicial review by M J Cowley against TWBC has been refused and that no request to reconsider within the period described has been lodged by the claimant. The matter is closed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Kent Highways:
KCC Draft Permit Scheme – Clerk to reply in favour

Maidstone Borough Council:
Report for Decision by Cabinet Member for Environment re Vinters Park Cemetery - JB

Department for Communities & Local Govt:
Consultation on Orders & Regulations relating to conduct of Local Authority Members

Action with Communities in Rural Kent:
Youth Forum workshop – HC/NA
Kent Village of the Year 2008 – JB
Rural Community Retailer of 2008 – JB

Audit Commission:
Appointment of external Auditor notification

Letters of thanks re donations

9. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

KCC (KCS).....	£407.91
Veolia.....	£9.40
S J Palmer.....	£23.50
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£5.10
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£149.34
Expenses	£10.38

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee reported that West Malling Group is to run the Staplehurst Medical Centre. At the AGM all current Trustees, including Mr L Gosbee, are to stand again. It has been confirmed that all current staff are to be retained. Having recently built the new centre the PCT are currently trying to cut back on funding. Some equipment has recently been purchased using funds raised by the public. Mr M Cooper requested that as a number of Frittenden residents use the Health Centre he be kept informed of events to include in the Parish Magazine.

The Chairman reported that although the emptying of the parish field bins is currently working there have been many problems, which if they do continue to happen then a new system will have to be investigated.

Mrs N Aldhouse is to attend the T.Wells Local Board meeting to be held at Hawkhurst Primary School on 26th February.

The Chairman commented on a questionnaire received from TWBC regarding special expenses. The Clerk is to respond.

The decision to attend a planning information day to be held on 25th March will be taken once an agenda has been issued.

Mrs J Croucher commented on the goal posts in the field which she has been told are dangerous. These are to be inspected by Mr J Beech.

Mrs H Cullingworth asked if there had been any progress on the low cost housing. The Clerk is to contact Hyde Housing.

Mrs A Holroyd reported that she had attended a Councillors Information Day in January.

Janet Greenroyd reported that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is to be reintroduced in the village following the agreement of Mrs Eileen Bridges to be Coordinator. A deputy is still needed and representatives to cover various parts of the village. It was stressed that all crimes in the village, however small, must be reported to the police.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 12th March 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Janet Greenroyd, Community Warden.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr L Gosbee and Cllr. John Smith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Road Report:

Highways are to be contacted again regarding surface water on Biddenden Road believed to be seepage from the spring that was piped during the recent resurfacing.

Planning:

Mr M Cooper confirmed that the two tree applications received at the last meeting had been approved outside the meeting. Mr J Beech has spoken to the Borough Tree Warden, Mr Dan Docker, who is willing to attend a meeting to explain the consultation process regarding tree preservation order applications, sent to the Parish Council. It was agreed this would be useful.

Any Other Business:

The Chairman confirmed that he had inspected the goal posts and consulted with a representative from the football club, and it was agreed that they are safe.

5. FRITTENDEN VILLAGE DAY 2008

Mr J Beech distributed a paper to all members giving a general idea of what the day should be. It was agreed this event should take place on 24th/25th May. It is not expected to be a huge occasion but consist of small groups or individuals tidying public areas or their own gardens, picking up litter, clearing footpaths etc. It is hoped that specific jobs will also be completed i.e. installing the two benches. Members were requested to e-mail the Chairman with further ideas for the day. A sub committee is to be formed to carry the project forward. Mr J Beech, Mrs N Aldhouse, Mrs J Croucher, Mrs H Cullingworth and Mrs A Holroyd volunteered for this committee. Mr M Cooper is to place an article in the parish magazine to publicise the day and all other events that are taking place in the village that same weekend. As many organisations and individuals as possible will be encouraged to partake on the day to improve the quality of life in Frittenden. A list of all tasks achieved on the day will subsequently be published for all to see. The sub committee is to meet on Wednesday 2nd April at 8pm in The Bell and Jorrocks.

6. ROAD REPORT

Mrs N Aldhouse reported that pot holes at Waller Hill are extremely dangerous. It was also reported that a Give Way sign at Dig Dog Lane is low priority for KCC Highways, due to no reported accidents and lack of funding, which also means no road repairs are imminent.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/08/00729: Alterations and extensions to existing outbuilding at Catherine Wheel Barn, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

TW/08/00730: LBC: Alterations and extensions to existing outbuilding at Catherine Wheel Barn, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral on condition that the building is not used for secondary living accommodation and remains within the curtilage of Catherine Wheel Barn.

Decisions:

The Chairman reported that Mr Brazil has been successfully prosecuted and fined following pressure from the Parish Council on TWBC to take Mr Brazil to court. The removal of the bunds is to begin in May and the site is to be cleared and evacuated by July.

TW/08/00196: To reconductor the existing low voltage overhead line wit ABC conductor at Tolehurst Farm Land & Buildings, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

No Objections.

TW/07/04292: Conversion of Atcost barn to holiday let accommodation, removal of other existing barns and erection of amenity building at The Old Junk Yard, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/07/04501: Erection of detached garage/store at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/08/00352: LBC: Replacing part of the existing rotted sole plate with a new green oak sole plate; locally replacing the existing cement rendered place with traditional lime rendered panels on the front (north) elevation at Weaversden, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Consent Granted.

Correspondence:

The appeal at Corner Farm, Biddenden Road, Frittenden, is dismissed insofar as it relates to the replacement building to provide extension with glazed link and granted for the detached garage.

Mr M Cooper reported on a Cabinet paper from MBC which noted provision for a number of gypsy sites over the next few years.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Public Consultation on Development Control Validation Checklists – MC
Minutes of the Local Economy & Housing Select Committee – MC

Kent Highways:

PIPKIN Guidance document available on website - JB

Maidstone Borough Council:

Report for Decision by Cabinet Member for Environment re Parking Enforcement Charges

KALC:

Agenda & Minutes of previous meeting – AH (requested change of meeting date as clashes with FPC meet)

Cranbrook PC:
Copy of letter to TWBC re Community Facility options

KCC:
Tryangle Awards leaflets

Kent High Weald Project:
Newsletters

9. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Veolia.....	£9.40
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mr L Gosbee.....	£45.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£131.51
Expenses	£34.08

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs J Croucher has been asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to make a contribution towards new goal nets for the football club presuming the club is approved by the FA to join the league. This was agreed in principle. The Football Club are requested to cost the items to be purchased before a decision is made on a sum to be donated by the Council.

The Chairman is to write a letter of congratulations to Mrs Bradshaw following the school's excellent Ofsted report.

Mrs N Aldhouse reported on her attendance at the TWBC Local Board. A new bus scheme for children allows them to travel at anytime in Kent for £50 p.a. Hawkhurst has compiled a document of all things relevant to their village from grant funding to accommodation in their area.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

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Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs J Croucher and Mr L Gosbee.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Any Other Business:

Mr J Beech confirmed that he had written to Mrs Bradshaw congratulating her on the school's excellent Ofsted report.

5. ITEMS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The following items were agreed for the agenda of the APA:

Apologies for Absence
Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Assembly
Matters Arising
To Receive the Accounts of Charities
Chairman's Report
Frittenden Village Day

6. FRITTENDEN VILLAGE DAY

Mr J Beech reported on the meeting held on 2nd March 2008. A number of village societies have given their support and will be involved in various activities on the day. It was hoped that the 'tent team' would be available to install the two benches in their designated places. However, for various reasons this is not going to be possible. It was suggested that perhaps a local builder may be able to assist with the installation, possibly with help from the football team. This is to be investigated further. It is hoped that the school will hold a poster competition with the winning poster being used to advertise the day. Mrs H Cullingworth is also to produce some advertising material and an article is to be placed in the Parish Magazine. Mrs J Croucher has spoken to TWBC who are able to provide up to 40 litter pickers, visible jackets, sacks and possibly gloves. The pub is to offer an incentive for customers to collect rubbish on the day. Mr Bro Dowling has made the suggestion to Mr J Beech of a notice board for the use of village clubs and societies. This is to be looked into. The next meeting is to be held on 23rd April 2008 at 8pm at The Bell & Jorrocks.

7. ROAD REPORT

Highways are currently blitzing as many potholes as possible throughout the month of April. Councillors were asked to report any holes directly. The blocked gully outside the old village shop is to be cleared in a couple of weeks.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

MA/08/0441: Variation of condition 7 of MA/77/1559 to hold an event with orchestra to involve flying to music on 23/08/08 at Headcorn Aerodrome, Shenley Road, Headcorn, Ashford.

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

TW/08/01014: Erection of 2 bay garage with log store and detached boiler room at The Tanyard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

Decisions:

TW/07/03586: Two replacement timber sheds at Larchmere House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/07/04384: Regeneration and extension of existing fishing lake, creation of new off-road car park, new perimeter fence at Burntwood Lake, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Withdrawn.

TW/08/00223: Demolition of garage and erection of garden room at Street Farm, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/08/00244: Construction of oil and gas tank bunds at Larchmere House, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/08/00347: Reduce and shape yew trees at Street Farm and Street Farm Cottages, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Consent Granted.

Correspondence:

Mr Sean Croucher had contacted Mr M Cooper following a less than positive enquiry to TWBC regarding the erection of a smoking shelter at The Bell & Jorlocks. Mr Cooper confirmed that before proceeding with planning Mr Croucher needs to contact Environmental Health. This should be followed by Planning Conservation discussions, before a design is to be submitted to planning.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC:

Proposed changes to Planning Application process
Kent Annual Public Health Report – JB
Kent Empty Property Initiative spring newsletter

Kent Highways:

Draft Permit Scheme consultation – JB
Post winter pothole repairs – LG

SEERA:

Regions Housing Needs strategy – JB

Kenward Trust:

Donation request – It was decided that this is an extremely worthy local cause and therefore a donation of £100 was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously.

KCC had sent a copy of their Inside Track newsletter by e-mail detailing the availability of external funding. The Clerk is to forward this to Mrs H Cullingworth and Mrs N Aldhouse who are to view this with regard to playground equipment.

The Chairman had received a call from the owners of Balcombe Barn, Mr & Mrs Tyler, who are currently experiencing problems with Southern Water over a leaking sewage pipe belonging to the water company which has contaminated their land. This has happened on two previous occasions and although the pipe is repaired there has been no thought for the inconvenience caused to the family. It was agreed that the Parish Council would lend their support by writing to Southern Water.

10. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Wealden Tree Care.....	£90.00
Printing at Cranbrook.....	£16.53
Veolia.....	£9.40
KALC.....	£28.00
KALC.....	£302.94
Allianz Insurance plc.....	£926.48
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£113.68

A cheque for the sum of £154.46 had been received from Community Information & Resource Centre Ltd which has ceased trading. The outstanding balance on their account was equally distributed between the local parishes and requested to be used under Section 137 to benefit the community.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs N Aldhouse had been approached by Mr P Hope who voiced his concerns regarding the activities on Park Wood Lane. Mr J Beech is to contact MBC for an update.

Mrs N Aldhouse requested the Parish Council Officers board hanging in the village hall be updated.

Mrs H Cullingworth is concerned that there has been an increase in dog fouling in the village. Notices from TWBC regarding this have been placed around the village. An article is also to be placed in the Parish Magazine.

The Clerk has spoken to Hyde Housing who reported that due to staffing problems there has been little progress regarding the affordable housing programme in the village. Janine Edbrooke has moved offices and has been replaced by Dawn Healey. A meeting between the owner of 4 Acres, Hyde Housing and Peter Turner of TWBC has been arranged for April. A progress report is to be received after the meeting has taken place.

Mr L Gosbee sent a report of Headcorn Airfield Consultative Committee meeting which took place on 8th April 2008 as follows:

It is hoped that use of the Islander parachute plane will discontinue, apart from very occasional use, to be replaced by a much quieter Cessner Caravan.
The Air Proms on the weekend of 23rd August will begin with 50 hot air balloons taking off. Tribute bands will perform on Sunday, with a possible guest appearance by Mick Fleetwood.

Staplehurst Health Centre is to have an NHS Dental Service up and running by June 2008 for patients living within a 5 mile radius of the practice.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 14th May 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs A Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Janet Greenroyd, Community Warden, Mrs Hazel Gosbee and two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr M Cooper.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs J Croucher proposed that Mr J Beech be re-elected as Chairman following a very successful and efficient year in the post. This was seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously. Mr J Beech thanked the members for their support.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously that Mrs A Holroyd be re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Any Other Business:

The Chairman has spoken to Mr H Lilley with regard to updating the Officers Board in the village hall.

The dog fouling notice missed the deadline for the last issue of the Parish Magazine but will appear in the next publication.

Nothing further has been heard from Hyde Housing regarding the Affordable Housing. The Clerk is to chase.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Chairman raised the issue of prior notification of the event. It was agreed that in future a standard letter will be sent to all village organisations/societies, the church and school as well as there being an advert in the Parish Magazine. An annual poster will also be created and displayed in the village.

Mr L Gosbee is to contact Highways regarding the water seepage in Mill Lane.

Mr J Beech has spoken to Mrs Bradshaw who confirmed that the Ofsted inspection at the school was an interim mini inspection and that in view of recent reports, she hoped for less frequent inspections in future.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2008

The Clerk distributed a copy of the accounts for the year end to all members. These had recently been audited internally by Mr Bernard Millard. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2008.

The annual governance statement was read to all members by the Chairman. It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously to approve the statement.

9. FRITTENDEN VILLAGE DAY

Notes of the meeting dated 23rd April 2008 had previously been distributed by the Clerk. Mr J Beech has met with Mrs Bradshaw who has agreed to a poster competition which will be judged on 24th May. A small prize will be awarded to the winner of each class. Mrs Bradshaw is to open the school to the public on that morning.

As Highways are in the process of tidying and resurfacing Laundry Lane the Gardening Society will now be employed elsewhere in the village. The Chairman will liaise with Mrs Diane Campos.

George Collins has agreed to erect the benches currently housed in Mr L Gosbee's barn. These are to be checked, with some urgency, for worthiness as they have been there for a few years. The Clerk confirmed that Town & Country Housing has approved the replacement of the bench in Valence View. However, it was agreed by members that both benches will be erected on the Parish Field. The Chairman reported that he had received a letter of concern from a resident of Valence View, regarding the placement of a bench at this site. The Chairman is to reply to the letter.

A safety briefing is to be given to all helpers before work commences on the 24th May.

Mrs H Cullingworth stated that the head on the horse rocker in the play area had rotted and broken off. The Chairman is to inspect this. The Clerk is to try and obtain a replacement from the manufacturer. The Chairman commented that he may have found a scheme to apply for a grant to replace the play equipment. This is to be investigated. Mrs H Cullingworth and Mrs N Aldhouse agreed to investigate other grant options and overall costs, in order to help prepare a submission.

10. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee confirmed the resurfacing of Laundry Lane. He has also spoken to Roger Manning regarding the resurfacing of Grandshore Lane. A case for this is to be submitted to Highways.

Mrs J Croucher has had many unsuccessful attempts to have Highways fill a pothole outside the village hall, and have the gully attended to at the crossroads.

11. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/08/00133: Consultation on tree report at Rockdene, Rocks Hill, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/08/01273: Two-storey extension and alterations to existing residence at Street Farm Oast, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Following much discussion regarding the character of the building, which some members felt the new design detracted from, it was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed by 5 votes, with 1 member opposing, to remain Neutral.

TW/08/01400: Replace glazed roof to existing conservatory with slate roof to match existing outbuilding at Wilderness, Coldharbour Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval as the materials to be used will improve the appearance of the structure.

TW/08/01404: Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation at Castle Cottage, Headcorn Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

Decisions:

There were none.

Correspondence:

There was none.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Draft Housing Allocation policy consultation – JB

Kent Highways:

Speed Limit review – JB

KALC:

Parish News

Kenward Trust:

Donation letter of thanks

NALC:

LCR

The Clerk had received a letter from Mr Colin Highwood regarding the appointment of trustees to the Idenden Charity. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr J Beech and agreed unanimously that Mr John Mills and Mr David Hooker be re-appointed for a further term of 4 years.

13. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Allianz Insurance plc.....	£4.25
Veolia.....	£9.40
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£247.47
Expenses.....	£8.69

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee informed the meeting that on Sunday 18th May a number of tractors participating in a charity event for Kent Hospices would be travelling to Manor Farm along the Biddenden Road.

The Chairman stated that he had been in contact with EDF regarding the timing of the street light opposite Mr & Mrs Bridges property which is still causing problems at night. Apparently a timer has not been fitted as requested. However, a part night photo cell is due to be installed and if this doesn't work a timer will be resorted to.

The Chairman informed the members that along with the Clerk he had met with TWBC regarding Ward Walks. Everyone was asked to specify on which dates they would be available to take part. Training will take place at 7.30pm on the 11th June 2008 before the next Parish Council meeting.

Mrs J Croucher noted that the waste bin by the notice board has not been emptied. Mrs Croucher has also spoken to the local police regarding a speed check in the village, and was informed that once the current re-education programme has been completed a speed check will take place.

Janet Greenroyd had been requested by residents to mention overgrown footpaths, in particular Laundry Lane and behind the village hall. Mrs J Croucher and Mrs N Aldhouse are to deal with these respectively.

Mrs H Cullingworth had received a complaint regarding parking outside the school. The Chairman asked Janet Greenroyd to be a presence at drop off and collection to remind motorists of parking restrictions.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 11th June 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs Anne Holroyd (Vice-Chairman) attended part way through the meeting following her attendance at a meeting of the KALC

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Janet Greenroyd, Community Warden, Mrs Hazel Gosbee and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Affordable Housing:

The Clerk had contacted Hyde Housing who informed her that the owner of the site at 4 Acres had been unwell and the planned meeting had, therefore, been cancelled. The Chairman is to contact Hyde Housing.

Frittenden Village Day:

The Chairman thanked all those who took part in what was a very successful day. There has been lots of positive feedback. The remaining debris on the field is to be removed and burnt by the Chairman and Mr L Gosbee.

Play Equipment:

The Clerk had obtained a quote of £238 from Lapsett UK for a replacement body for the damaged horse rocker. It was also reported that the see saw and slide are too in need of repair. It was decided a safety inspection is needed and the Clerk is to contact TWBC regarding this. The Chairman had been approached by two parent volunteers at the Frittenden Village Day offering their help with regard to replacing the play equipment. The Chairman suggested Mrs N Aldhouse and Mrs H Cullingworth get together with these parents to discuss what exactly is needed, and the cost of replacing both the equipment and the safety surface in the play area. The Clerk is to contact Tom Phillips regarding available funding opportunities for this. (See correspondence) As an immediate measure the Chairman will repair and make safe the horse rocker.

Street Lights:

The Clerk had been in touch with David Dunn of EDF Energy who stated that a part night photocell rather than a timer had been installed on the new lamp. A timer is to be installed as soon as possible.

School Parking:

Mrs Janet Greenroyd reported she had been present during drop off and collection times and will be so again.

Blocked Gullies:

Mrs J Croucher confirmed the blocked gully outside the shop had finally been cleared.

5. BREATHING SPACES SCHEME

The Chairman reported that a lottery grant of £5640 had been awarded to the Parish Council to enhance the unused area of the cemetery. A water supply is to be installed and a small area at the end of the right hand path will be paved and provided with seating. Nesting boxes will be provided, and some limited planting will be undertaken, to attract flora and fauna. A litter bin and signage will also be provided. The project is to begin in September 2008 and will be completed within a year. The Chairman is to meet with the Church Wardens and the Rector regarding the project. The current maintenance of the cemetery, which Mrs J Croucher raised at the meeting, will also be discussed.

6. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that he has made no further headway with Highways. The newly appointed Community Liaison Officer, Sue Cooper, is to arrange to meet with the Parishes in the near future. The issue of the water seepage at Mill Lane along with other Highways matters will be raised at this time.

Mrs N Aldhouse stated that a number of accidents had recently occurred at the junction of Grandshore Lane and the A229. The Clerk is to write to KCC Highways regarding the safety issue at this junction.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/08/01567: New vehicular access at 1 Thrift Cottages, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

TW/08/01669: Demolition of existing conservatory & erection of a single storey room to rear, new hipped dormer to north elevation at Hill House, The Street, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

Decisions:

There were none.

Correspondence:

There was none.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC:

Community Grants Scheme –Clerk to contact Tom Phillips re funding for new play area

Kent Highways:

Notice of Community Liaison Officer – LG

KALC:

Agenda re meeting 11th June & Minutes of previous meeting – AH

Parish News

Kent Volunteers Awards leaflet

Various courses leaflets

Kent Police:

Policing Kent Plan 2008/11 website details

SEERA:

Review of sub-regional allocation of primary land won aggregates in SE consultation – JB
SE sustainable futures group vision for SE – JB

BTCV:
Tree & Pond Warden scheme – NA

Larchmere House:
Notice of details of works re path and benches to rear of property, on parish field

9. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Veolia.....	£9.40
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£185.01
Expenses.....	£0.52

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee reported his attendance at the Headcorn Airfield Consultative Committee meeting on 10th June. The Caravan aircraft, which carries 14 people, is now in operation. The LET aircraft is also in use. The Sukoi aerobatic aeroplane remains in pieces in Spain, however, a further aerobatic ‘plane is being used. The Air Proms will take place on 23/24th August. Extra security will be brought in for the steam engines on site for the weekend. A Hot Air Balloon race is also scheduled. A planning meeting, held with Maidstone Borough Council, regarding the use of prop turbine engines proved negative. A further planning meeting on the 17th September is to take place when it is hoped approval will be given as this will be a lot less noisy.

Mrs J Croucher reported that the footpath running from Laundry Lane to Sand Lane is owned in part by The Hollows. The Chairman is to contact the owners of the property regarding the maintenance of this section. Mrs N Aldhouse confirmed that the footpath behind the village hall will be cut when the tractor can get on it.

Mrs J Croucher stated that Sean Croucher had found an internet site selling football nets and posts at approx. £500. A collection for these is currently underway. The Chairman replied that a final figure was necessary for the Parish Council to establish their contribution.

Mrs J Croucher reported that a driver left straw debris over the road, blocking drains, after removing it from Parsonage Farm. Mrs Croucher is to speak to Mr Lionel Bone to see if he can help to locate and possibly speak to the offender.

It was noted that the hedges along Biddenden Road, from The Orchards to the village centre, are obstructing the footpath. The Chairman is to speak to the residents individually, asking them if they would cut their respective hedges. Parked and speeding cars in this area are also a cause for concern. This issue is to be raised at the meeting with the Highways Officer.

Mrs A Holroyd asked who is responsible for cutting the grass at the rear of the village hall. The previous grass cutter has ceased cutting, as he was never thanked for his work. The Chairman is to mention this to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

The Clerk has contacted Jonathan Bibby, Footpaths Officer, regarding the incomplete resurfacing at Laundry Lane. It is hoped, following negotiations with the owner, that this will be completed in the near future.

The Chairman has been contacted by the owner of Castle Cottage, Jane Hagel, requesting the support of the Parish Council following 2 years of unsuccessful attempts to reduce the noise pollution at the units on Dig Dog Lane. The Chairman has visited the property on a Saturday morning to gain first hand experience of this. It was agreed that support should be given. The Chairman is to write to TWBC.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.38pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 9th July 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs Anne Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Croucher
Mr M Cooper
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Mrs Hazel Gosbee and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mrs H Cullingworth, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Affordable Housing:

The Chairman has left a message for Dawn Healey at Hyde Housing, but no further progress has been made.

Frittenden Village Day:

The Chairman and Mr L Gosbee have removed the remaining debris on the field. Mrs J Croucher stated that she collects a sack of rubbish weekly from Sand Lane, when out walking.

Play Equipment:

The Chairman reported that he had repaired the horse as best as he could. Funding options for the play area have been investigated. Mrs H Cullingworth held a meeting and formed a committee with a number of volunteers wanting to be involved in the project. An idea put forward is to re site the play area nearer to the tennis court. Four completed questionnaires, devised by Mrs H Cullingworth, requesting an extra swing, basketball hoop and paths have been returned. The deadline for these is 13th July.

The Chairman reported that two companies have been invited to quote for a new play area. The Groundworks scheme invites grant applications of up to £30k, and the play equipment could be eligible for this. The application will have to be received from a community group, as the Parish Council does not qualify. Mrs H Cullingworth is to complete the Groundworks application. Mr M Cooper is to contact TWBC planning department with regards to re siting the play equipment. The Chairman reported that further funding options are available.

The slide is currently in need of some attention. The Chairman felt a local person is needed to carry out this sort of small repair. Various names were suggested by members. The Clerk has chased the safety report from English Landscapes, but this has not yet been received.

Mrs H Cullingworth reported that at the Village Day a picnic bench on the parish field had been requested. It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase this. This is to be sourced by Mrs H Cullingworth and Mr J Beech. A suggestion by the play area committee of a pedestrian access into the field when the main gate is locked was also raised by Mrs H Cullingworth.

Street Lights:

A timer has been installed.

Breathing Spaces Scheme:

The Chairman has spoken with Church representatives and a further meeting is to be arranged.

Road Report:

The Clerk has contacted Highways regarding the junction at Grandshore Lane and is awaiting a reply to their investigation.

Any Other Business:

The hedges along the Biddenden Road have been trimmed. The Chairman is yet to meet with the owners of The Hollows. Mrs J Croucher has spoken to Mr A Bone with regard to straw on the road. Mr J Beech has contacted Mr Ivor Jauncey regarding the grass cutting at the rear of the Memorial Hall.

5. LOAN OF TENTS AND OTHER VILLAGE EQUIPMENT

Mr M Cooper was requested to leave the room before a discussion ensued to review the charging tariff on the hiring of the equipment to those 10 or so volunteers in the village who give their time transporting and erecting the equipment, and especially to Mr M Cooper who also takes bookings and is the organising body for the equipment. Presently, members of the volunteer team are charged the same as other individuals in the village when hiring the equipment for private events. There are currently two hiring rates; one for village organisations and one for private individuals. It was suggested by the Chairman that the volunteers should pay the same reduced rate as village organisations. This was agreed. Mr M Cooper was invited back to the meeting and asked by the Chairman to review the hiring rates. Mr M Cooper stated that hiring's are currently up and the Equipment Fund has a very healthy balance. Mr L Gosbee suggested that at the year end the volunteers have a meal paid for out of the funds at the local pub. Mr J Beech thanked Mr L Gosbee for his suggestion.

6. FEEDBACK FROM COUNCILLORS TRAINING

Mr J Beech and Mrs A Holroyd reported on the recent TWBC training they had attended regarding the complaints procedure for the conduct of Councillors. This was an interesting session and an opportunity to meet other Councillors and Clerks. The Chairman reported that it is the role of the Clerk as the Proper Officer of the council, to raise issues of the conduct of Councillors. As Deputy Monitoring Officer, it is the Clerks duty to ensure that Councillors do not inadvertently breach guidelines. Any complaints are to be reported to the Standards Committee.

Another issue that was highlighted at the meeting was with regard to Standing Orders. The Parish Council does not currently have any Standing Orders, but this is something that is to be reviewed.

The way that Any Other Business is conducted at a meeting also varies within parishes. Current legislation necessitates that the public should know in advance what is to be discussed under AOB. Therefore, if it is a substantive issue it should not be discussed under AOB.

7. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that there is a blocked drain opposite Kent House. Cars are speeding along Cranbrook Road between Grandshore Lane and London Lane. Mr L Gosbee has spoken to the Highways Engineer regarding road problems in the village and requested the 50mph sign at Grandshore Lane be moved. He has also spoken to Sue Cooper regarding Cranbrook Road. The Clerk is to arrange for Mr J Beech and Mr L Gosbee to meet with Sue Cooper. Mr J Beech is to email the Clerk with suggested dates for this meeting.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/08/02061: Addition of window to extension approved under TW/07/00949 at The Tanyard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

Decisions:

There were none.

Correspondence:

There was none.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Strategic Housing Land Availability assessment - Mrs H Cullingworth and Mr L Gosbee declared an interest and took no further part in the discussion. Mr J Beech suggested that The Old Junk Yard be proposed under the assessment. Land adjacent to Mr Gordon Murrell on Biddenden Road was another suggestion. Mr J Beech is to contact TWBC to discuss these possibilities and pursue if viable.

KCC:

BT proposal re closure of telephone boxes incl. Frittenden – JB requested usage figures

Explore Kent brochures – All

Ashford Borough Council:

Extension to Tenterden & Rural Sites Issue

LCR:

NALC

Groundwork:

Newsletter

Hospice in the Weald:

Newsletter

10. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Veolia.....	£9.40
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£138.20
Expenses.....	£49.83

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs A Holroyd had been contacted by Barbara Bull regarding an overgrown hedge at the Bourne's.

Mr L Gosbee expressed his concerns regarding the foundations of the War Memorial. Burlite, the company who recently cleaned the memorial, is to be contacted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Thursday 11th September 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs Anne Holroyd (Vice-Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mrs H Cullingworth

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Mrs Hazel Gosbee and two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs J Croucher.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Affordable Housing:

The Chairman has spoken to Dawn Healey at Hyde Housing, who has arranged to meet with Mr Homersham at the 4 Acres site next week.

Play Equipment:

Mrs H Cullingworth reported that progress is being made. A number of contractors have visited the site and various options and costs have been reviewed. It has been suggested that funding of approximately £50k is necessary to complete the project. Current legislation does not allow children's play areas to be sited within a certain distance of either a boundary hedging/trees or a football pitch. Therefore, the siting of the new equipment will have to be moved from its current position. Mrs H Cullingworth stated that Mrs Janet Greenroyd is donating the sum of £250 that she recently won in her role as Community Warden, to the project. This news was received with thanks from the Councillors. Mr M Cooper reported that TWBC do not believe planning is necessary to re-site the play area.

Breathing Spaces Scheme:

The inaugural meeting has taken place at which the Chairman and Mr L Gosbee were present. This proved to be very positive and currently plenty of research is being undertaken. A further meeting is to take place next week.

Road Report:

The Clerk has received a reply from Highways regarding the junction at Grandshore Lane/A229 which is being monitored, but at present no improvements or signs are to be implemented.

Any Other Business:

The Chairman confirmed the footpath has been cleared impressively by the owners of The Hollows.

Correspondence:

The Chairman has spoken to TWBC regarding the land availability for strategic housing and whether a couple of small parcels of land in the village could be viable for this. A meeting with Rob Cottrill has been arranged, along with Mr M Cooper, to discuss this along with general planning issues.

War Memorial:

The Clerk has contacted Burlite who are to assess and quote on repairs to the foundations of the Memorial.

Bench:

It was thought perhaps the purchase of the bench should be made in the spring. However, following discussions it was decided to go ahead as planned.

5. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported that he has been trying, without much success, to have Grandshore Lane resurfaced. However, small areas have been patched. Mrs N Aldhouse commented on the camber of the road at Burnt Wood. This is to be investigated. Mrs A Holroyd reported pot holes near Saw Lodge Farm. The Chairman had been asked by Mrs J Croucher to raise speeding issues in the village. It was decided to ask Janet Greenroyd to request a police speed check on the Parish Councils behalf.

The Clerk had received an email from Sue Cooper requesting meeting dates. The Clerk is to respond.

6. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/08/02433: LBC – Alterations and extension at Broad Oak House, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

TW/08/02434: Alterations and extension at Broad Oak House, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval as, subject to the views of the Conservation Officer, the minor alterations are not detrimental to the character of the building.

TW/08/02461: LBC – Alterations and extensions to existing outbuilding at Catherine Wheel Barn, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

TW/08/02462: Alterations and extensions to existing outbuilding at Catherine Wheel Barn, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval as the alterations are modest and within keeping with the property and its surroundings.

TW/08/02569: Stationing of one replacement mobile home and one garden shed for a gypsy family for three years; Erection of utility building to replace portacabin at The Hatchin' Tan, Eleven Acre Wood, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mr L Gosbee and agreed unanimously to Recommend Refusal.

TW/08/02634: Revised accommodation layout for conversion to oast to two dwellings; Construction of garage (TW/02/02994 refers) at Saunders Barn, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

TW/08/02635: LBC – Revised accommodation layout for conversion to oast to two dwellings; Construction of garage (TW/02/02991 refers) at Saunders Barn, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs A Holroyd, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval as, subject to the views of the Conservation Officer this proposal does not change the overall appearance or scale of the conversion, which has previously been approved.

TW/08/02664: Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) – Use of land as residential curtilage at The Old Farmhouse, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval.

Decisions:

TW/08/00133: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of six bedroom detached dwelling with new double and triple garage at Rockdene, Rocks Hill, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/08/00422: Tree work at Broad Oak House, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/08/00729: Alterations and extensions to existing outbuilding at Catherine Wheel Barn, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

TW/08/00730: LBC - Alterations and extensions to existing outbuilding at Catherine Wheel Barn, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/08/01014: Erection of 2 bay garage with log store and detached boiler room at The Tanyard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/08/01273: Two storey side extension and alterations to existing residence at Street Farm Oast, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/08/01400: Replace glazed roof to existing conservatory with slate roof to match existing outbuilding at Wilderness, Coldharbour Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/08/01404: Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation at Castle Cottage, Headcorn Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/08/01567: New vehicular access at 1 Thrift Cottages, Knoxbridge, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/08/01669: Demolition of existing conservatory & erection of single storey room to rear, new hipped dormer to north elevation at Hill House, The Street, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/08/02061: Addition of window to extension approved under TW/07/00949 at The Tanyard, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted

TW/08/02433: LBC – Alterations and extension at Broad Oak House, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Refused.

TW/08/02434: Alterations and extension at Broad Oak House, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

Withdrawn.

TW/08/02461: LBC – Alterations and extensions to existing outbuilding at Catherine Wheel Barn, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

TW/08/02462: Alterations and extensions to existing outbuilding at Catherine Wheel Barn, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

TW/08/02859: Consultation on removal of telephone call box at Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Objection made by TWBC

Correspondence:

Notification of an appeal at Leggs Wood House, Cranbrook Road regarding the demolition of a nissen hut and erection of a new garage, workshop/office had been received. Mr M Cooper had returned the Parish Councils comments in support of the appeal.

Notification received of an appeal at The Old Junk Yard, Staplehurst Road. Comments are to be received by 14th October 2008. Mr L Gosbee and Mrs H Cullingworth declared an interest and took no further part in the discussions. It was agreed to support the appeal. Mr M Cooper and Mr J Beech are to liaise and report back at the next meeting.

KCC Annual Plan 2008/2009 – JB

The Chairman had received a letter from Mr Roy Kemp regarding his distress at the proposed loss of the telephone box. A letter had been received from BT regarding a scheme to 'adopt a box' whereby the telephone box can be purchased from them if the 'phone is removed. Mr J Beech invited a member of the public, present at the meeting, to speak on this issue. Mr Lelean was in fully in favour of the 'adopt a box' scheme. If the telephone is to be removed by BT, Mr L Gosbee asked if it is possible to find out the cost of retaining the box and the cost of keeping it fully functional.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Grants for Christmas decorations

KCC:

Kent Parish Portal News

Kent Highways:

Area Officer contact details - LG

Seminar Invite

Liaison Officer meeting request

A229/Grandshore Lane query response

KAPC:

Parish News

Speed Restriction review

Anne Widdecombe MP:

Letter of congratulations re Breathing Spaces funding

Victim Support:

Donation request

Press release for Parish Magazine - MC

ERHA:

Newsletter

NALC:

LCR

8. FINANCE

Mr L Gosbee declared an interest and took no further part in the proceedings. It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

S T Support..... £45.00

Printing at Cranbrook.....	£22.75
KCC KCS A/C.....	£422.18
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Veolia.....	£18.80
L Gosbee.....	£50.00
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£216.21
Expenses.....	£2.70

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman has been approached by a parishioner who, having recently been broken into, is keen for residents to use a DNA kit, to mark possessions, which he read about in the Parish Magazine. If three people living in the same road buy a kit, costing £20, then a sign, to highlight the fact that thieves should beware, will be erected. Councillors were asked to encourage participation.

Mrs A Holroyd reported that at the recent KALC meeting other villages reported the loss of post boxes. The Post Office has stated that if villages want to purchase their own post boxes, the post will be collected from these.

Mrs H Cullingworth noted that the new Chairman's name does still not appear on the board of Officers. A pedestrian gate to the field is also still awaited. The Chairman is to investigate.

Mrs N Aldhouse stated that during the Ward Walk sessions a mirror placed on the village bakery was requested, to assist with cars exiting Mill Lane. This was deemed to be a very good idea. Mr L Gosbee is to contact Highways on how to proceed with this.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 8th October 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Mrs Hazel Gosbee and Community Warden Janet Greenroyd.

The Chairman began the meeting by giving his considerable thanks to Mrs Janet Greenroyd who presented him with a cheque for the sum of £250 that she had recently won in the Safer Kent Awards, being a donation towards the new playground; and to Mr L Gosbee for a donation of £209 that he raised at the Headcorn Airfield boot fair in August.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr Roger Manning.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Play Equipment:

Mrs H Cullingworth reported on the recent exhibition that had been held in conjunction with the Art show at the Memorial Hall. A total of 47 completed questionnaires were received, which was very encouraging. A notice is to be circulated encouraging residents to form an active committee to take the scheme forward. This is to be initiated by the Chairman who will hand over the reins from the Parish Council. It was suggested that all further developments could be added to the website to keep everyone informed of the progress made.

Breathing Spaces Scheme:

The Chairman stated that good progress is being made. Four benches have been acquired and plans for the site are currently being drawn up. Mr Pemble, whose water mains are positioned in an extremely accessible location to acquire a water supply to the cemetery, has been extremely helpful. Mr Pemble has requested that when the hedges are next cut his boundary is left about 1ft higher than usual.

Road Report:

Mr J Beech and Mr L Gosbee are to meet with Sue Cooper on 16th October 2008.

Planning Correspondence:

Mr J Beech and Mr M Cooper had attended a very useful meeting with Rob Cottrill who expressed his willingness to come to a Parish Council meeting. The December meeting was suggested as a date. The criteria for determining the limits of built development are to be forwarded to the Parish Council in due course.

The issue of the refused application for The Old Junk Yard, which is now going to appeal, was discussed with Mr R Cottrill who is to investigate. However, the Parish Council have been invited to comment on the appeal by 14th October and it is felt the efforts of Mr Cottrill will not be received in time. It was, therefore, agreed that Mr M Cooper along with Mr J Beech will prepare a suitable reply and forward it to the appeal inspectorate.

Telephone Kiosk:

The Chairman is to further speak with TWBC regarding the planning application to keep the telephone box in the village as a working 'phone. The scheme to 'adopt a box' is free and is to be applied for by 1st November, if the planning fails.

5. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee has spoken to Highways regarding the installation of a mirror at Mill Lane to improve safety at this difficult junction. However, he has been informed that these are considered dangerous and would not be supported.

A tour of the village roads needing repairs will be given to Sue Cooper on 16th October. A list of issues has been requested in advance of the meeting.

6. HEADCORN AIRFIELD

Mr L Gosbee reported on his attendance at the recent Consultative Committee Meeting:

The application to allow turbine engines will be decided by Maidstone Borough Council on 29th October, if this is granted these are much quieter.

The Air Proms went well but the wind was too great for the hot air balloons. The tribute bands were not deemed a great success.

Next year the military vehicles from the War & Peace exhibition at the Hop Farm will attend the Airfield on Bank Holiday weekend.

The next meeting will be on 3rd March 2009.

7. PLANNING

Applications:

There were no applications.

Decisions:

TW/08/02569: Stationing of one replacement mobile home and one garden shed for a gypsy family for three years; Erection of utility building to replace portacabin at The Hatchin' Tan, Eleven Acre Wood, Grandshore Lane, Frittenden.

Application declined to be determined.

TW/08/02664: Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) – Use of land as residential curtilage at The Old Farmhouse, Biddenden Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

There was none.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Road safety review – JB/LG

KCC:

Invite to meeting re Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation within SE Plan on 27th Oct – NA to attend

KAPC:

Parish News

Speed Restriction review nominated representatives

Standards Board:

Newsletter

SEERA:
Newsletter

CAB:
Annual Report

English Landscapes:
Report on play equipment – HC

English Garden Trust:
Invite to Launch on 21st October – forwarded to Sue Martin

Frittenden Primary School:
Invitation to attend a School Improvement Plan meeting on 14th October – HC to attend

9. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Veolia.....	£9.40
Mr J Beech.....	£796.00*
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£124.82

* Reimbursement of payment made by Mr Beech for the urgent purchase of equipment for the Breathing Places scheme.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr L Gosbee reported on the Staplehurst Medical Centre meeting he had attended:

- A new Practice Manager has been appointed
- An NHS Dentist, with spaces, is now available
- Flu vaccine clinics will be held on 21/10 and 4/11
- An anonymous donation of £1k has purchased satellite navigation and equipment bags for district nurses
- A defibrillator and self test blood pressure equipment is soon to be bought
- A talk on strokes is to be held in January.

Mr J Beech had been informed that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme meeting had recently taken place. Janet Greenroyd reported that there were not many attendees but that they were not disheartened by this. Mrs Eileen Bridges is the village co-ordinator; however, link co-ordinators are needed to represent various roads in the village. It was decided that a representative of the Parish Council should attend all future meetings of this scheme. Mrs Janet Croucher volunteered for this post.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 12th November 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mr M Cooper
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mr L Gosbee
Mrs A Holroyd

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Kent County Councillor Roger Manning, Borough Councillor John Smith, Mrs Hazel Gosbee and 1 member of the public..

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Two adjustments were made to the previous minutes: Page 1373 Apologies for Absence, 'and Mrs A Holroyd' was added; Page 1374 Planning Correspondence, 'There was none' was deleted and 'Mrs J Croucher raised the question of whether a caravan can be placed within the curtilage of a property, whilst building works takes place, without planning permission' was inserted. The acceptance of the minutes then took place being proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Play Equipment:

Mr J Beech reported that he had chaired a meeting, which Mr L Gosbee, Mrs N Aldhouse and Mrs H Cullingworth also attended, in which a Committee had been formed to manage the new playground scheme. This should lead to an application for a lottery grant to be submitted shortly.

Breathing Spaces Scheme:

The Chairman reported that work is continuing with further meetings and plans.

Road Report:

The meeting took place on 16th October 2008 between Sue Cooper, Mr J Beech and Mr L Gosbee and will be reported under item 7 on the agenda. Mr L Gosbee has contacted Highways regarding placing a visibility mirror at Mill Lane who had informed him this was illegal. This was reiterated by Sue Cooper at the meeting. The Chairman suggested Mr Roger Manning explain the policies regarding this under item 7 Road Report.

Planning Correspondence:

Mr M Cooper confirmed he had sent a suitable reply regarding the appeal at The Old Junk Yard.

In reply to Mrs J Croucher's query regarding planning permission being necessary for a caravan sited on the land of a property currently being developed, Mr M Cooper confirmed that this is not necessary.

Telephone Kiosk:

The Chairman has spoken with BT regarding the 'adopt a box' scheme, who confirmed that to apply for this would not negate the application to keep a working telephone box in the village, for which a decision has not yet been reached. The Clerk has completed and returned the application for this scheme.

Correspondence:

Mr L Gosbee, Mrs J Croucher and Mrs N Aldhouse reported on their attendance at the KCC meeting regarding Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation within the SE Plan, on 27th October 2008. It was stated that surveys have been conducted; however, results are inconclusive. In West Kent an extra 320 pitches are needed, although the travelling community seemed to deem where these should be. This was not felt to be a useful meeting as many questions went unanswered.

5. BUDGET

The Chairman explained the budget to the members, which now existed in a much simpler form. He stressed the financial pressures on TWBC who are currently trying to reduce costs and, therefore, the onus is on the Parish Council to produce a zero growth budget. The play equipment is in need of some immediate repair, and a pedestrian access gate to the field needs to be installed. A contingency has been allocated for these works. Due to the under spend in the current year it is proposed to transfer £1500k to the Capital Account. The projected budget for the year 2009/2010 is believed to be a realistic expenditure figure. The greatest increase of 120% is for electricity, by EDF. It is proposed, therefore, that the precept remains the same as last year at £8500k.

Cllr. John Smith reported that he is Chair of Corporate Services at TWBC. This year a saving of £800,000k has to be made. In the past interest earned on reserves has helped reduce Council tax. If costs are to be kept to a minimum then Strategic Partnerships are absolutely necessary, and TWBC is currently working with other organisations to this end. Vacant posts are not being filled and the Borough has to decide on its priorities.

Mr M Cooper suggested that as the balance of the Equipment Fund is especially healthy this could be used, if others within that group agree, to fund village repairs. A meeting of those involved in the Equipment team is imminent and this idea will be discussed at that time.

The Chairman stated that if funding is obtained for the new play area then an ongoing maintenance programme will be necessary.

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously that the precept should remain at the sum of £8500k for the year 2009/2010. The Clerk will write to TWBC requesting this.

6. STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk had previously distributed a copy of the Standing Orders to be adopted by the Parish Council to all members. She explained that these were orders on how the Parish Council conducts its meetings and although these were something the PC hadn't had written down before, and were not compulsory; it was a matter of 'best practice' and could always be referred to if ever the occasion arises. It was proposed by Mr J Beech, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to adopt the Standing Orders dated 6th November 2008.

7. ROAD REPORT

Mr L Gosbee reported on the meeting that had taken place with Highways representative Sue Cooper. Various issues were discussed with a walk around the centre of the village, followed by a drive around other areas of concern as follows:-

School – a request to drop the kerb for pram and wheel chair access. A reply is awaited

Biddenden Road – surface water running from outside The Stables. An Engineers report is necessary

Mill Lane – surface water adjacent to the cemetery. An Engineers report necessary

Sunnyside – The Chairman suggested erecting 2 further posts alongside the existing ones prohibiting parking

The Orchards – The Chairman suggested creating a parking lay-by for Sunnyside residents. Sue Cooper didn't think this would be possible

Grandshore Lane – a request for complete resurfacing, as has been patched too often

A229 - 50mph sign to be re-sited to Staplehurst side of Knoxbridge. Sue Cooper stated this is a matter for the police to investigate and would depend on the number of road deaths in that area

Park Wood Lane – An oak tree sited within the Staplehurst boundary looks dead and needs attention

Fly tipping at Mill Lane - has been cleared.

Mr L Gosbee is awaiting a reply from Sue Cooper who has informed him that the Engineer, Cliff Wilson, is currently ill but will visit the village on his return to work. Mr J Beech stated that it had been a very useful meeting; however, he was unwilling for projects to be shelved before they had been properly investigated.

Mr Roger Manning was invited by the Chairman to comment on the various items under discussion. Firstly Cllr. Manning apologised for both his neglecting of Frittenden and Frittenden being neglected generally. He stated that the Highways department has taken much criticism regarding the restructuring, and they are not there yet, but he was pleased that a meeting with Sue Cooper had taken place. There are two points of contact, the Liaison Officer, Sue Cooper, and the 24hr public contact no. All calls are recorded and measured with a monthly report being issued on the length of time taken to investigate and complete a job. Cllr. Manning stated that another Engineer should have been sent to Frittenden following Cliff Wilson being taken ill. He suggested Mr L Gosbee contact Sue Cooper requesting an Engineer survey the problem of surface water at Mill Lane, before the icy weather descends and the road becomes hazardous. With reference to the dead tree at Park Wood Lane the land owner is responsible for any work. Mr L Gosbee is to contact the owner and liaise with Sue Cooper. If a tree is deemed a danger it can be felled by Highways and charged to the land owner. With regard to the re-siting of the 50mph sign on the A229 and the erection of a visibility mirror at Mill Lane, Highways are in the hands of the police who are the enforcing power. If they don't agree with a Highways recommendation it will not happen.

Cllr. Manning then went on to explain the recent loss of KCC funds in Icelandic Banks, which could lose them their top county status even though they kept within the agreed recommended list of banks to deposit with. £20m of the £50m invested in Icelandic banks will be recovered.

Cllr. Manning asked what the expectations of the Parish Council are from the County, and what their priorities are. He asked the Parish Council to think about this and if he can help in any way he will. Mr M Cooper stated that the recent Ward Walks had highlighted roads as the main concern of the residents. The Chairman pointed out that these had been Borough Council led, although wider organisations had been involved. Recent concerns have been the playground and traffic calming but other concerns should be revisited. For instance there is a strong case for verge cutting to be managed by the Parish Council rather than the County. Cllr. Manning responded suggesting the Parish Council could be employed by KCC as a contractor who would pay the PC to complete jobs such as hedge and verge cutting. Other issues he felt the Parish Council may like to review are heavy goods vehicles passing through the village, train services, public transport, and a service to take commuters to and from the station. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council would like to accept Cllr. Manning's invitation, following further discussion between members.

Mrs N Aldhouse voiced her worries regarding the road camber at Burnt Wood, adjacent to the pond. It wasn't felt this was dangerous; however, the Chairman agreed that it should be monitored.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Manning for attending and speaking at the meeting, and stated that the Parish Council has much to reflect on following the comments made. Cllr. Manning requested the date of the next meeting which he also hopes to attend.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/08/03383: Forming new door opening from rear dining room at Church Cottage, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

TW/08/03388: LBC - Forming new door opening from rear dining room at Church Cottage, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval subject to the views of the Conservation Architect.

TW/08/03515: Demolition of existing property and construction of 5-bed detached dwelling with triple garage at Rockdene, Rocks Hill, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed by 6 votes, with 1 abstention, to remain Neutral.

Mr M Cooper has spoken to TWBC following complaints from Grandshore Lane residents regarding skip loads of rubbish being shipped in and burnt on land adjacent to Pork Pie Farm. This is both a Planning and Environment issue. The newly appointed Head of Enforcement, Alice Bloom, has received the Parish Council's written formal complaint and an Officer has been sent to the site to investigate. A burning of waste notice has been sent to the Environmental team. John McCullough is asking if the Parish Council wish to take further action. If the smoke is affecting residents, there is dark smoke i.e. the burning of tyres and/or plastic, the Environment Department do have some powers. It was reported that local residents have been affected, and it is believed tyres are being burnt. To take this further, detail concerning the person operating the site, the person responsible and where the offence is taking place are to be submitted. It was agreed that this issue should be taken further. The Chairman felt that the response from TWBC so far is too general and that due to the recent change in Officers there is little knowledge of past history, or of the area concerned. He also regretted the lack of "joined up local government" which was leaving the onus on the Parish Council to

interact separately with the various agencies concerned. Mr M Cooper is to write to TWBC with the necessary information.

Mr M Cooper has also spoken to TWBC regarding progress at The Hatchin' Tan. An update is awaited.

Decisions:

There were none.

Correspondence:

There was none.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Parish Precept timetable
CPA self assessment document

KCC:

Explore Kent magazine - distributed
Kent Health Watch Introduction - MC

MBC:

Residential Extensions Supplementary Planning Doc. Draft consult. - MC

Communities & Local Govt.:

Codes of Conduct Consultation - JB

KALC:

Notice of AGM
Annual Report - AH
Verge Cutting Survey – Clerk to complete
Parish News

NALC:

LCR
Clerks Annual Salary Review

10. FINANCE

The Chairman suggested that following the receipt of the Clerk's annual pay increase from NALC, and having reviewed the alternative ways of reviewing the Clerk's salary, it should rise annually by incremental steps to the scale maximum within the range set. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to increase the Clerks salary by one point.

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs A Holroyd and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Veolia.....	£9.40
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£281.48
Expenses.....	£3.34

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was requested to ask the Post Office of the cost to replace the stolen post box opposite Dig Dog Lane as local residents would like this replaced.

The Chairman reported that Hyde Housing is currently preparing drawings for Mr Homersham, so that he can see how the site will look with the affordable homes built on the 4 Acres site. Negotiations between the owner and Hyde Housing are ongoing.

Following the Rospa report provided by English Landscapes on the play area, Mrs H Cullingworth has highlighted what repairs are necessary. The Chairman stated the main high risk areas related to the slides, and these should be assessed. A local builder needs to be commissioned to carry out the repairs. If the see saw is beyond repair it may need to be removed, as replacement will be too costly, especially with the application for a grant to fund a new play area going ahead. A sign at the site warning parents of the possible dangers is to be erected. Mrs H Cullingworth suggested that if possible the see saw is left in place, as it does get a lot of use. It was agreed a builder should be employed to carry out repairs.

Cllr. Smith reported that the waste contract at TWBC is currently due for renewal and is under review. The new Contractor is yet to be decided but will probably include a curb side collection of plastic and tin waste. All tenders have come in at less than the current contract.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.53pm

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Frittenden Memorial Hall, Frittenden on Wednesday 10th December 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present were: Mr J Beech (Chairman)
Mrs H Cullingworth
Mr M Cooper
Mrs J Croucher
Mrs N Aldhouse
Mr L Gosbee

In attendance: Mrs D Jenkins (Clerk), Janet Greenroyd, Mrs Hazel Gosbee and 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mrs A Holroyd, due to her attendance at the KALC meeting, and Cllr. John Smith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (in accordance with the Member's Code of Conduct, Part 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The acceptance of the minutes took place being proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs J Croucher and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Play Equipment:

Mr J Beech reported that the application for funding has been completed and submitted. The number of people wanting to be involved with the project is extremely encouraging.

Equipment Fund:

Mr M Cooper reported that a meeting had been held with the team members who had agreed that a sum of £1k should be made available for village organisations in a case by case scenario, with the balance remaining in the Fund Account for future repairs or replacement of the equipment.

Grandshore Lane:

It was reported that the Environment Agency have visited the site adjacent to Pork Pie Farm and agreed that the illegal burning of waste is taking place. Until the owner of the site can be tracked down nothing further can happen, although a case is currently being constructed. Mrs Janet Greenroyd reported that Trading Standards are also currently putting a case together against the previous owner of Pork Pie Farm.

Post Box:

The Clerk had contacted the Post Office who informed her that it is not possible for the Parish Council to purchase a box.

Play Area:

The Chairman is continuing to monitor the situation.

5. DONATIONS

The Chairman had received a letter from the Samaritans local office requesting the support of the Parish Council. He suggested a donation of £50 would be appropriate as the work they do is beneficial to many people. Following discussions it was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to make the following donations under Section 137:

Kent Air Ambulance	£100
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital	£50

Citizens Advice Bureau	£50
Frittenden Pre School	£50
Royal British Legion	£50
Frittenden Parochial Church Council	£350
Hospice in the Weald	£75
Kent Youth	£30
Frittenden Primary School	£100
Victim Support	£25
Angley School Farm	£50
Samaritans	£50

6. NEXT YEARS MEETING DATES

The Clerk circulated a copy of suggested meeting dates for 2009. It was agreed not to hold a meeting in January as the Chairman and one other member are unable to attend this date. A planning meeting will be held within this month if necessary. The following dates were agreed:

February 11 th	March 11 th	April 8 th
May 6 th APA	May 13 th	June 10 th
July 8 th	September 9 th	October 14 th
November 11 th	December 9 th	

7. ROAD REPORT

Since the last meeting Mr L Gosbee has met with the Road Engineer and taken him to all the various sites in the village where adjustments and/or repairs were requested at the recent meeting with Sue Cooper. With regard to a dropped kerb and crossing lines at the school Mr L Gosbee was informed this could be a possibility. With regard to all other items these were noted and will be investigated. In addition a salt bin to replace the crushed one at London Lane was also requested.

The additional posts requested opposite Sunnyside have been installed. However, Mr J Beech expressed his disappointment that despite this, residents are still parking, and causing an obstruction, on the bend.

The Parish's requests to Highways have now been distributed to the various departmental areas involved, and further requests for information have been received following this. These are to be dealt with on an individual basis.

A number of residents have voiced their concerns with regard to potholes at Saw Lodge and on the Staplehurst Road. Mr L Gosbee is to report these to Highways.

8. PLANNING

Applications:

TW/08/03745: Two storey extension and single storey extension at Chanceford Farmhouse, Sand Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mr M Cooper, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/08/03825: Removal of condition 2 of TW/06/02492 – no development shall take place until full details of both hard and soft landscaping have been submitted to and approved at Broadlake, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mrs N Aldhouse and agreed unanimously to remain Neutral.

TW/08/03853: Alterations and extension at Broad Oak House, Mill Lane, Frittenden.

TW/08/03858: LBC - Alterations and extension at Broad Oak House, Mill Lane, Frittenden

It was proposed by Mr L Gosbee, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to Recommend Approval subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

Decisions:

TW/08/02635: LBC – Revised accommodation layout for conversion of oast to two dwellings; Construction of garage (TW/02/022991 refers)

Permission Granted.

TW/08/03388: LBC – Forming new door opening from rear dining room at Church Cottage, Cranbrook Road, Frittenden.

Permission Granted.

Correspondence:

The Chairman has received a copy of a letter sent to TWBC from Mr & Mrs Dutton regarding concerns that the condition to remove sheds and tanks following the installation of replacement ones at Larchmere has not been complied with. The Chairman has spoken to the owner at Larchmere who is currently talking with TWBC over this matter.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

TWBC:

Notification of Tax Base

Kent Highways:

Survey – LG

KALC:

Agenda & Minutes of previous meeting

Freedom of Information Act adoption

Kent Fire & Rescue:

Integrated Risk Management Plan 2009/10 – JB

Big Lottery Fund:

Breathing Spaces further grants available – JB to liaise with committee

National Youth Agency:

Area newsletter – JC

Kent Primary Care Agency:

Comments invited re application to open new pharmacy in Tenterden – Clerk to respond

10. FINANCE

It was proposed by Mrs N Aldhouse, seconded by Mrs H Cullingworth and agreed unanimously to pay accounts as follows:

Mr B Millard.....	£50.00
Frittenden Memorial Hall.....	£13.00
Veolia.....	£9.40
Audit Commission.....	£158.63
Mrs D.A. Jenkins Salary.....	£213.40
Expenses.....	£4.32

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman has received a quote of £1165 to install a 5 bar and pedestrian gate at the main entrance to the field, along with a further gate at the Laundry Lane entrance. Further quotes are awaited. Mr R Manning suggested to Mrs A Holroyd this could be paid for by a grant from TWBC Local Board. An application for this is to be completed. The Chairman was given approval to accept the most favourable quote enabling the work to commence before the next meeting in February. This was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously.

Mrs H Cullingworth had been approached by a resident at Street Farm whose access is being blocked by cars belonging to parents during school drop off and collection. The Clerk is to speak to the school secretary requesting a note home to parents requesting their consideration when parking.

Following an article in the Parish News all authorities are advised they must adopt the Model Publication Scheme by 1st January 2009 or breach the Freedom of Information Act. A copy of the Scheme was passed to all members to view. It was proposed by Mrs J Croucher, seconded by Mr M Cooper and agreed unanimously to adopt the Model Publication Scheme as approved by the Information Commissioner.

The Chairman offered his thanks to all members of the council and to Janet Greenroyd for their help and support in 2008. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.